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(NEW YORK POST EDITORIAL 30 SEPTEMBER "THE CIA'S NEW REVELATIONS")

(TEXT) A MACABRE CIA DOCUMENT REPORTEDLY BEING CIRCULATED AMONG

SELECT CONGRESSMEN WILL ACCENTUATE NATIONAL DISQUIET OVER THIS

AGENCY. THIS CRUDE OPERATION STIRS ANEW THE QUESTION OF WHETHER

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THE CIA IS BECOMING A THREAT TO THE FREE AND OPEN SOCIETY IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE DEFENDING AGAINST TOTALITARIAN SUBVERSION.

ACCORDING TO DAVID WISE, HERALD TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT AND COAUTHOR OF A VOLUME CALLED "THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT," A THOUGHTFUL AND DISTURBING ACCOUNT OF CIA INTRIGUE, THE CURRENT EXHIBIT PURPORTS TO DESCRIBE A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN BEING WATED BY THE SOVIET SECRET INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS TO STIGMATIZE AND DEFAME THE CIA. THE SOVIET KGB, IT IS SAID, HAS ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL BRANCH, A "DEPARTMENT OF DISINFORMATION," WHOSE ASSIGNMENT FROM THE POLITBURO IS TO DISCREDIT THE CIA, J. EDGAR HOOVER AND THE FBI, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE PACE CORPS, AND THE USIA. THIS DEPARTMENT OF DISINFORMATION,

ACCORDING TO THE CIA REPORT, "PRODUCES BETWEEN 350 RPT 350 AND Approved For Release 2003/09/26: CIA-RDP67B00446R000500070013-6

IT THIS A MAJOR REVELATION? HAS ANYONE EVER DOUBTED THAT THE Approved For Release 2003/09/26: CIA-RDP67B00446R000500070013-6
SOVIET GOVERNMENT SEEKS SYSTEMATICALLY TO FRUSTRATE AND COUNTER THE EFFORST OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT? ARE THE CIA AND THE FBI ANY MORE THAN DEAN RUSK AND SARGENT SHRIVER, TO BE IMMUNE FROM LEGITIMATE PUBLIC CRITICISM BECAUSE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT RUNS SUCH AN APPARATUS?

WAS IT A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINFORMATION THAT

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TRIED TO BRIBE PREMIER LEE OF SINGAPORE? THAT OPERATION DID MORE
TO DAMAGE THE CIA AND THE UNITED STATES THAN THE WORK OF ALL THE
SOVIET OPERATIVES IN MALAYSIA. IS THE CIA SUGGESTING THAT ITS
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BAY OF PIGS FIASCO WAS THE (?FAULT) OF KGB
AGENTS? IF NOT, HOULD ITS BLUNDERS BE EXEMPT FROM CONGRESSIONAL
SCRUTINY? WAS SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S EFFORT TO EXPOSE THE ROLE OF THE
CIA IN FEEDING THE PRESIDENT FAULTY INFORMATION IN LAST APRIL'S
DOMINICAN CRISIS THE WORK OF AN AGENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DISINFORMATION? THE CIA REPORT WOULD SOUND LIKE SOMETHING ART
BUCHWALD PLANTED ON CAPITOL HILL IF ITS IMPLICATIONS WERE LESS APPROVED FOR Release 2003/09/26; CIA-RDP67B00446R00050000700733-6

THE DOCUMENT IS (2VIELEWED 2003/09/26: CIA-RDP67B00446R000500070013-6 Approved For Release 2003/09/26: CIA-RDP67B00446R000500070013-6 WASHINGTON AS DESIGNED TO BLOCK A NEW EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A CONGRESSIONAL WATCHDOG COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE AGANCY AS WELL AS TO COUNTER SOME OF THE CRITICISMS BEING LEVELED AGAINST IT.

WE DO NOT KNOW WHA THE CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSE WILL BE TO THIS
CIA EXERCISE. OUR OWN VIEW IS THAT IT FORTIFIES THE CASE FOR CLOSER
CONGRESSIONAL SCRUTINY OF THE AGENCY'S WORK. THE TRUE TEST OF A
STRONG SOCIETY AND A FREE PEOPLE, OUR LEADERS HAVE OFTEN TOLD US,
IS THEIR CAPACITY FOR FRANK APPRAISAL OF THEIR OWN SHORTCOMINGS.

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PROCEDURES ARE BUILT INTO OUR SOCIET FOR CORRECTING ERROT AND REMEDYING WEAKNESS.

THE EFFECT OF THE CIA DOCUMENT IS TO LABEL CRITICISM OF ITS DEEDS AS THE WORK OF ENEMY AGENTS AND TO CLOG THE (?CHANNELS) OF FREE DEBATE THAT ARE BOTH INTRINSIC TO AN OPEN SOCIETY AND ITS PROUDEST BOAST. IS A "DEPARTMENT OF MISINFORMAL RMATION" THE ANSWER TO THE SOVIET DEPARTMENT OF DISINFORMATION?"

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